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Super Valu In Fairview Is Under New Ownership



By Meagan Dotson

On April 30, 2015, Fairview native Tim Neu officially became the owner of the Super Valu grocery store in Fairview, MT. Neu had been a business owner in Florida, where he had lived for fifteen years before moving back to his home town in 2009 and working with his brother, owner of Neu Construction.

"I enjoyed having my own business and the store had been for sale for about a year. A grocery store is something that every town needs and there is a lot of potential for growth," he said about his decision to purchase the store. "There are approximately 1,000 mailboxes in the Fairview area and if the average household has three people, then you definitely have an area with a need for a grocery store."

New check-out lanes, scanners, and a point of sale system will be in place the week of June 22nd and the community is invited to stop in during their Customer Appreciation Days leading up to Old Timer's Festival, July 18th. Beginning Monday, July 13th, there will be a week-long outdoor produce sale. Stop in and enjoy a cup of complimentary coffee and cookies made in their full-service bakery.

Upcoming plans for the landmark building include new coolers, produce and meat cases, and the addition of a deli with a grab-and-go section to include pre-made sandwiches and wraps as well as some hot food options such as rotisserie chicken.

Neu is pleased to maintain the same great staff including Store Manager Pam Hoover. Hoover has worked at Super Value for 15 years and makes all the bakery items daily.

Renovations to the nearly 100 year old building will be complete this fall; the landmark building was originally a coal

Super Valu is located at 303 S Ellery Ave in downtown Fairview. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm and from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm on Sundays. To place an order with the bakery or for further information, call 406-742-5441.

Oilfield Water Treatment Specialist To Speak At Froid Field Day Thursday

Thursday, June 25th. Dr. Rex Crick, Chief Operating Officer with Sionix Corporation and President of Sionix Oil-

The company purchased the former Montola oilseed crushing facility in Culbertson last summer and is building a new operation at the 45-acre site to treat, reclaim and market production and flowback water from crude oil production and fracking operations in the Bakken. The reclamation of oil field brines to a quality allowing reuse in the oilfield is not only a cost saver for oil companies, but also ensures preservation of an equivalent amount of freshwater from area aquifers for other uses, according to Dr. Crick. The process also negates the need for permanent disposal of that oilfield production water into deep saltwater disposal wells.

Dr. Crick will share information on SOS (http://www. sionixsos.com) and the progress of the Sionix facility at Culbertson during the evening meal portion of the Field Day program, which is set to begin at 5 pm at the farmsite.

The Froid Research Farm Field Day is Thursday, June 25th beginning at 1 pm. The farmsite is located 8 miles

By Beth Redlin, USDA/ARS field Solutions (SOS), will be north of Culbertson on High-A new speaker has been speaking about SOS's new way 16. The event is sponadded to the Froid Research oilfield water reclamation op- sored annually by the Roo-Farm Field Day roster for eration in Culbertson. sevelt and Sheridan County Conservation Districts and Extension Offices and the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory in Sidney, MT.

Other topics to be presented at this year's tour include information on wheat stem sawfly management, biological control of Canada thistle, pea leaf weevil management, overview of a new Extension on-farm energy audit program; a fallow replacement study incorporating oilseeds and a cover crop mix, along with information on another cover crop mix study looking at seeding depth and starter fertilizer, and more!

Two special workshops are also planned and include a "Drones 101 Workshop" for learning the basics of Unmanned Aerial Systems, and a demonstration by NRCS officials of an eye-opening rainfall simulator." Everyone is welcome. The tour and the meal are free.

For more information call or email Beth Redlin at 4056-433-9427 or beth.redlin@ars. usda.gov.

Art Classes at Sunrise Festival of the Arts July 11

By Kim Simmonds, Exuctive Director MonDak Heritage Center

New this year to the Sunrise Festival of the Arts on July 11, 2015: Art classes!

Artist Peggy Kopp will be teaching Zentangle at 9:30am. Artist Jenny Baker will be teaching a watercolor class at 11:00am. The classes will take place in the covered shelter near the train in Veteran's Memorial Park and cost \$20 per person. Each class will last one hour, all supplies are included, and each registrant will take home a finished work of art.

Space is limited, so please call the Sidney Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at 406-433-1916 to reserve your spot. For more info, visit http://www.sidneymt.com/ or call 406-

Watford City HOMEFEST 2015 June 26 - 28



By Tie Shank

FRIDAY: The Watford City annual Homefest kicks off on Friday, June 26th with an all-day Art Show at the Long X Visitor Center, followed by the Trish Gravos Memorial Golf Scramble

at Fox Hills Golf Course at 3:00 p.m. Scranton, ND native and a contestant on season 6 of The Voice, Kat Perkins will be wrapping up the first night of Homefest

with a free performance on Main Street beginning at 6:00 p.m. SATURDAY: The Art Show will continue and run throughout the day at the Long X Visitor Center, while Food and Craft vendors and the Kids Zone fill the Main Street.

The Parade of Homes will begin at the Long X Visitor Center

at 9:00 a.m. and run through 5:00 p.m. The award presentation

will take place at 7:45 p.m. Be sure to watch the Baby Pageant at Noon on Main Street,

the tent with music and a program.

followed by the StarKids Pageant at 2:00 p.m.

North Dakota native, Jessie Veeder & Outaw Sippin' will perform for the Street Dance on Main Street at 8:00 p.m. SUNDAY: The final day of Homefest begins with a Scandinavian Coffee Social at the First Lutheran Church at 8:45 a.m., Followed by the First Lutheran Church Dedication at 9:30 a.m.,

and Lutheran Mass at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will willow Mass under

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 1 p.m. 3 p.m. Grief Reovery Support group at Glory of the Lord Family Ministries, Watford City.
 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.
- 7 p.m. Fairview Alive and Kicking at Faith Alliance Church, 704 S. Western Ave.
- 8 p.m.— AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions
- or ride.

TUESDAYS:

7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

WEDNESDAYS:

5:00 p.m. - Sober Life Young People's NAAA 12- step recovery group, 25 yr. old & younger, Trinity Lutheran Church Ed. bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney

8 p.m. - Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library, Watford City.

THURSDAYS:

- 7 p.m. NA meeting, MonDak Trucking office Bldg., 725 W. Holly, Sidney.
- **8 p.m.** AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions

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- 7 p.m. AA 24 hour group, Northern Pump & Compression, Watford City. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.
- **9 a.m. & 7 p.m.** AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg., 214 S. Lincoln Ave, Sidney.

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June 15	69	47	0.00							
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June 17	82	43	0.14							
June 18	63	51	0.01							
June 19	83	52	0.40							
June 20	81	52	0.00							
June 21	86	49	0.00							
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Team Montana Results From National Jr Olympics In Charleston W.V.

By Kirby Sundheim

Rueben Marquez won his opening round bout although he did lose a decision in the quarters.

Trace Vielle and Jodan Boyd lost questionable split decisions

Timmy Sellars, Jance Eagle Feathers, Donna Kipp, Martin Manuel & Lee Huston lost their opening round bouts although it was the first time that they competed on the national level.

Montana entered 8 of the 10 boxers from our region. We can all be proud of their accomplishments and Montana can all be optimistic about their future.

Adult Online Hunter Ed Field Course Scheduled in Miles City

Submitted by Erin O'Connor, MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks

(Miles City) - Adult online Hunter Education students looking to complete their certification should plan to attend a field course scheduled in Miles City on Saturday, July 18th. The course, open to students 18 years and older, will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the FWP Region 7 office, 352 I-94 Business Loop.

This field course is designed for students to demonstrate their proficiency with and ability to safely control a firearm's muzzle in field situations, safely navigate and cross obstacles in the field, safely store, remove and transport firearms in a vehicle, P.R.O.V.E a firearm, determine shoot and don't shoot situations, identify and describe safe zones of fire and identify different game species.

Requirements for participation in the field course are that students must have completed the online course, be pre-registered and present a photo ID and their Field Day Qualifier Certificate at check-in, and print the related files from the registration website and bring those with. Students must also know the four rules of firearm safety. Students should bring a lunch and water and be prepared for the weather. Firearms are not permitted on the premises and should not be brought to the course.

This course is limited to the first 50 students. Mandatory registration is open now through July 17th, or until the class is filled, and must be completed online at http://www.register-ed. com/events/view/62503. Late registrations will not be accepted. If unable to register online, students can contact the Region 7 office for assistance at 234-0900.

Effective October 1, 2003, to purchase a Montana hunting license, any person born after January 1, 1985, must show a certificate of completing a hunter education course issued by Montana, any other state or any Canadian province. Online students born after 1/1/1985 are required to also successfully complete a field course in order to finalize their Hunter Ed certification.

For more information contact instructors Greg Mohr 433-2815 (day), Larry Christensen 489-0589, or Charles Osborne 925-1302.

Jared Troudt Recognized For Outstanding Involvement In **BSC Student Government**

BISMARCK, ND -- Jared Troudt of Sidney, MT, was recognized for an outstanding level of involvement in BSC Student Government when Bismarck State College celebrated its scholars and outstanding students at the 46th annual spring Recognition Ceremony April 22 in the Bavendick Stateroom of the National Energy Center of Excellence.

Student Government Association members provide leadership, promote student concerns, plan activities, participate in community service projects, and represent BSC at state and national student association meetings.

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Cover Your Crops: Severe Weather A Reminder To Manage Risk With State Hail Insurance

Submitted By Jayson O'Neill, Montana Department of **Agriculture**

Helena, Mont. – Severe weather is no stranger in Montana. The 2013 storms still remind farmers of the importance of having adequate coverage for this year's crops. The Montana State Hail Insurance program is financially secure, and the staff is prepared to accept new policies through August 15th as well as answer any questions producers might have on coverage options.

The maximum coverage rate for dry land is \$75 per acre and \$114 per acre for irrigated land. Rates vary by county depending on the hail loss history of the area; a detailed list of rates by county and crop can be found on the program's website.

"The State Hail Insurance Program was established nearly 100 years ago by farmers to protect their crops in the event hail damage occurs. We offer competitive insurance coverage with a proven track record of helping farmers manage hail risk. Many farmers carry both state and private hail insurance to ensure they have adequate hail loss protection," said Walt Anseth, program supervisor.

State hail insurance forms are available online at http://agr. mt.gov/agr/Producer/HailInsurance/ or at Montana State University Extension, Conservation District, and county revenue offices. Completed forms can be mailed or faxed to the department or used as a reference when you contact the program by phone.

Contact Information: Montana State Hail Insurance Program, P.O. Box 200201, Helena, MT 59620. Phone: (406) 444-5429, Toll Free: 1 (844) 515-1571, Fax: (406) 444-9422.

The Montana State Hail Insurance program was created at the request of producers in 1917 to provide hail insurance coverage on any crop grown in Montana. The program is directed by a five-member board consisting of three producers, the state agriculture director, and the state insurance commissioner.

The Montana Department of Agriculture's mission is to protect producers and consumers, and to enhance and develop agriculture and allied industries. For more information on the department, visit agr.mt.gov. MNAXLP

Eastern Montana's Bull Blowout To Be Held June 26th & 27th

By Meagan Dotson

Eastern Montana's Bull Blowout will take place June 26th and 27th at the Richland County Fairgrounds in Sidney at 7:30 pm each night. The event will be an exciting showing of two extreme sports with the PBR Touring Pro Division competing for \$15,000 and Wi-FMX performing at intermission. The bulls will be provided by Bailey Pro Rodeo, C'N Stars Bull Co. /Fladeland Bucking Bulls, Mosbrucker Rodeo, F & T Rodeo, and other top contractors, with several of the bulls having competed at the PBR World Finals.

Advanced tickets are on sale, \$15 for adults and \$10 for twelve and under, at High Caliber Sports, Trifecta Home Center, Sidney Chamber, and Saddle-Up: Sidney, MT and Watford City, ND. Door price tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for twelve and under. Concessions and Beer Gardens will be available.

A special thanks goes out to all the sponsors that have made this event possible: NODAK Oilfield Services, Continental Resources, Tourism Business Improvement District, Eagle Country Ford, Candlewood Suites, Coors, Trust T Trucking, G & C Industries, Hurley's Oilfield Services, Action Auto, Best Western Golden Prairie Inn & Suites, Bighorn Vac Inc., Mitchell's Oilfield Services, Inc., Chaznline Construction, Evolution Composites, Lucky Lil's Casino, Frontier, Hi-Line Trucking, Richland Pump & Supply, Hotel Albert, Seitz Insurance, Tri County Implement, Lee's Tire, and Mullin Brothers Custom Chopping, LLC.

An additional thanks goes to the Wi-FMX sponsors: S/L Services Inc., CN Trucking, Crop Production Services, Erickson Contract Surveying, Rick Partin Trucking, Sonda's Solutions, Saddle Up, KC Sand & Transport, and Border Steel & Recycling.

"This event wouldn't be possible without the sponsors," said Producer Shane Gunderson. "The sponsors have been great and they have kept this event very affordable."

For more information call 1-701-400-4534.

Fairview Boxing Club Thanks Our Golden **Gloves Sponsors**

By Kirby Sundheim

A huge thank you to all sponsors for the Montana State Golden Gloves Tournament on April 18-19 at the Fairview Old Gym. Thank you: Water Hole #3, Cornholio, Hurley Oilfield Service, Crop Production Service, W.L Neu Construction, Hotel Albert, Double Barrel Saloon, Powder Keg, Mobile Auto Glass' Pro, Kilen Backhoe Service, Cherrey's Red Top Service, Fairview Schools, Cherrey's Propane, Café Villarreal, Horizon Resources, Merchants Bank, Discount Tobacco Store, The Rush, Big. Sky Embroidery, DK Consulting, McKittleson & Co., Lebsock Welding, The Fairview Community.



RICHLAND COUNTY

Events in Sidney unless otherwise listed. MT Zone.

Tuesday - 6:30 pm Sidney Trap Club open range. \$5 per round of 25. Call Leann at 480-5594.

Wed., June 24th

9:00 am - Sons of Norway will be meeting at the Richland County Event Center kitchen to assemble the meatballs for the fair. Any help from members and nonmembers would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Mark at 488-6228 or Sig at 747-5726. Here's your chance to help with Vikings for the fair! 1:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Jurassic Day at the MonDak!

Programming is free and open to the public. The day will start at 1:30pm with a screening of "The Land Before Time" followed by crafts and a snack for kids until 4pm. At 6:30pm, there will be an open house featuring our new dinosaur and fossil exhibit. At 7:00pm, there will be a screening of "Jurassic Park." Concessions will be available for purchase during the evening screening. For more info, visit www.mondakheritagecenter.org or call 406-433-3500.

Thurs., June 25h

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Painted Monogrammed Canvas class at the MonDak Heritage Center. For ages 12+, \$10. Call 433-3500 for more info.

Fri., June 26th

11:30 am - Richland Red Hatters will meet June 26th at the Meadowlark at 11:30 am. RSVP to Sylvia at 406-798-3383 or Margaret at 406-488-4613.

Sat., July 11th

9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Sunrise Festival of the Arts will be held at Veteran's Memorial Park. This year featuring Treehouse Pottery, Anna Hoffman. There will be festival prize drawings through button purchases. Buttons are \$4 in advance or \$5 at Festival. Preregistration will be required for Zentangle class and Watercolor class. For more information visit our website at www.sidneymt.com or add us on Facebook!

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone. The McKenzie County Food Pantry is open:

1st Tuesday of each month from 5 pm-7 pm; 3rd Tuesday of each month from 2 pm - 4 pm at First Lutheran Church. Every Thursday from 12 pm - 2 pm there is food distribution at First Presbyterian Church.

June 26 - 28

Homefest is a weekend filled with family, friends, food, music, art, activities and most of all fun! It will be a wonderful kickoff to summer. The lineup this year is Kat Perkins concert on Main Street on Friday, with a street fair featuring Jessie Veeder and the Outlaw Sippin' Band, and closing with the First Lutheran Church Centennial Celebration.

WILLIAMS COUNTY Events in Williston unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Sun., June 28th

7:30 pm - Concert At The Confluence presents "Clearwater Hot Club Jazz." Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, call 701-572-9083 for further information.

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Mayor Norby Newest Sidney Kiwanis Member

The Sidney Kiwanis Club welcomed its newest member, Sidney Mayor Rick Norby, last Thursday, sponsored by Tami Christensen. Norby joined just in time to help with the Kiwanis Pie Social which will be held on Friday, July 10 on the courthouse lawn.









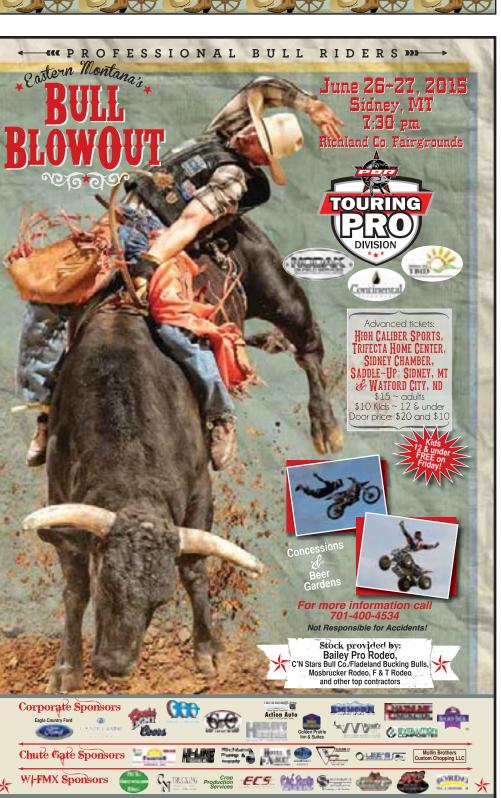


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NASA Clears Launch Of RMC Experiment For The International Space Station





Photo credit courtesy of Melissa Holmes:RMC students Ayla Grandpre (left) and Erin Burns (right) demonstrate the NanoLab

Submitted by Jenny McPhail, Director of Marketing, Communications and Public Relations Rocky Mountain College

BILLINGS – NASA has granted clearance for RMC's AGAR (Algae Growth And Remediation) experiment to be launched on the Space X7, Falcon 9, Dragon X rocket on June 28, 2015. Falcon 9 will launch from Cape Canaveral, Fla., and rendezvous with the International Space Station (ISS) to deliver and return cargo for NASA.

This payload to ISS will include RMC's AGAR project, which began three years ago as part of NASA's HUNCH (High School Students United with NASA to Create Hardware) initiative to inspire young science students to develop novel ideas and experiments for space exploration.

The student project began under the guidance of Dr. Deb Wines, a biology teacher at Billings Central Catholic High School, and Dr. Florence Gold, a NASA HUNCH Implementation Project Manager/Management POC for Fabrication Schools. The premise behind the student-led experiment was to test the growth of algae in zero gravity.

"What makes this experiment so unique is that this is the first time that growing algae in a solid media will have ever been done in zero gravity," said Dr. Gold. She described how the AGAR experiment consists of growing algae in agar, a nutrient-rich gel commonly found in petri dishes. Dr. Gold explained that because algae converts carbon dioxide to oxygen there may be a significant benefit to developing ways to produce oxygen in space stations.

"Why is it so valuable? It's about algae, which has a lot of wonderful uses – remediation of carbon dioxide into oxygen, as a food, and as a source of fuel. Can it grow well in microgravity? If it does, we can apply it to all of these uses."

"We are placing algae in agar and seeing if it will grow in zero gravity," explained Ayla Grandpre, one of the students working on the project. "To further this experiment, if it works, we hope to see if fruit flies can survive off the oxygen that the algae produces from the flies' carbon dioxide."

During a science research symposium in 2012, the project was one of the few selected to go to the ISS. However, the students had to develop a way for the experiment to be autonomous. That was when RMC's Associate Professor of Computer Science Dr. Andy Wildenberg began working with the team.

"Because space scientists cannot interact with the hundreds of experiments on the ISS, it was critical to develop an experiment that can run untouched and be monitored from an orbit 220 miles above Earth," said Dr. Wildenberg. For more than two years, Dr. Wildenberg and students, including RMC students, have worked on implementing the necessary biological research and designing the experimental chamber. To help fund the project, The Center for the Advancement of Science in Space (CASIS) awarded the students with a \$30,000 sponsorship to

cover the cost of the launch to the ISS.

"This team has been great to work with these past two years," said Kobi Hudson, one of the RMC students working on the project. Hudson was the recipient of the prestigious William A. Hiscock Memorial Award from the Montana Space Grant Consortium (MSGC) in 2014 for his design of the test structure (NanoRacks NanoLabs enclosure) that houses the experiment to test the growth of algae in zero gravity.

The NanoLabs enclosure will contain three jars that contain agar. Dr. Wildenberg explained, "Agar is basically jello, but algae can grow in it. NASA likes that because liquids in space are lousy. And NASA cares about growing algae because they spend a lot of money shipping oxygen up to the space station since they can't convert carbon dioxide (CO2) to oxygen (O2). We hope that if the algae grows up there like it does down here, then it can be made into a unit that converts CO2 to CO2."

then it can be made into a unit that converts CO2 to O2."

Through the AGAR experiment, algae will be grown inside a modularized aluminum box (NanoLabs enclosure), which is a 1-kilogram, 4-by-4-by-6 inch box. The box contains three small plastic jars containing the algae, a temperature sensor, grow

lights, a camera, and a memory card to record data.

"I hope that we achieve a minimum goal of the documented growth of algae in AGAR in microgravity," said Hudson. "I know we all look forward to seeing the first downlink of data. All of our hard work will be well represented in the data we receive. I am excited to keep moving forward with this project and I hope the data gives us a good starting point for the next phase in our mission to examine and perfect the growth of algae in AGAR in microgravity."

The AGAR experiment will be on the ISS for approximately 30 days, during which time, photos of the algae growth and temperature readings will be recorded and monitored from the computer science lab at Rocky Mountain College. After a month on the ISS, the AGAR project will be "deorbited" – none of the experiment will be salvaged.

Dr. Wildenberg, Dr. Gold, and a number of the student-led team plan to attend the launch at Cape Canaveral, which will include a technical briefing and scientific discussion prior to the launch.

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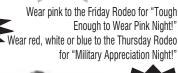
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Ribfest 2015 Set For Aug. 7 In Watford City



WATFORD CITY NORTH DAKOTA

The Ribfest 2015 Planning Committee has set Friday, August 7th for this year's

Concessions and the Street Fair will start at 10 a.m. and the rib contest will take place at 5 p.m. Main Street will be open for the public to enjoy lunch, live music, kids games and inflatables, and

event on Main Street, Watford

ribs until 9 pm. This year's Ribfest is working together again with the 2nd Annual Bash on the Grass Concert Series featuring a concert by Sawyer Brown and Chris Cagle.

Sawyer Brown and Chris Cagle will perform at 8:30 at the McKenzie County Fairgrounds. Gates open at 6:30.

"Bringing these big names to an already popular event is pretty exciting," said committee chair Jessie Scofield about working with Bash on the Grass. "We hope people will be able to take in both the street fair and ribfest and the concert in the evening."

The Ribfest Committee is

currently taking registrations for ribfest teams, street fair vendors, and sponsorships.

"There's big prizes at stake and slots are filling fast, so get your registration in," said Scofield.

A \$1,000 prize will be awarded for the team with the best ribs. Second place will receive \$500 and there will be a \$250 prize for booth showmanship.

The day will be filled with live music from and entertainment from the Burning Hills Singers, Lonesome Willy and Jessie Veeder and Outlaw Sippin', among others.

Other events include inflatable kids' games, a children's "Diaper Derby" and a children's "Showdown" at noon where prizes will be awarded for the best western wear.

The public will also enjoy the Classic Car Show and a few friendly rounds of Bingo during the day. There will be street vendors and several ping pong drops that will offer special deals from Main Street businesses

"Ribfest just gets bigger and better every year," said Janel Lee, committee member. "It's a great way to bring the community together and celebrate the best parts of summer--music, friends, and food!"

The Best of the West Ribfest is limited to 20 teams. If you're interested in registering a team, sign up today as space is limited.

Teams, food and craft vendors and Classic Car Show participants may register online at www.watfordcityribfest.

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Left: Seth Dodds is swimming the back stroke im in the 13-14 year old division. Photos by Pam Dahl.



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Above: Torey Dahl is pictured in the senior age division swimming the 100 fly. Torey placed 4th.

> Right: **High point** winners were Hadley Garsjo, left in the 11-12 year old age division and Corbin Holler in the 8 & under age division.



Sidney Tiger Shark Results From Malta Invitational June 13-15

place • 100 Back, 1st • 100 Fly, 1st. Seth Dodds: 200 IM, 2nd • 50 Free, 7th • 100 Free, 5th. Ethan Erickson: 25 Free, 3rd

Torey Dahl: 200 IM, 2nd • 50 Free, 4th. Zoey Garsjo: Free, 3rd • 100 Breast, 4th • 25 Free, 6th • 50 Free, 4th • 25 Back, 6th. Corbin Holler: 100 IM, 1st • 25 Free, 1st • 50 Free, 1st. Autumn Larson: 50

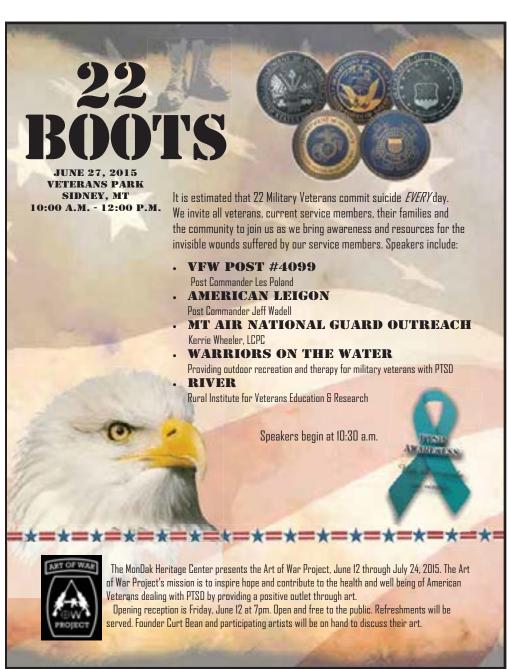
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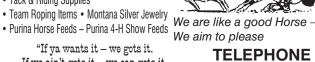








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USDA Opens Enrollment Period For Agriculture Risk Coverage And Price Loss Coverage Safety-Net Programs

WASHINGTON – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that eligible producers may now formally enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for 2014 and 2015. The enrollment period begins June 17, 2015, and will end Sept.

"The extensive outreach campaign conducted by USDA since the 2014 Farm Bill was enacted, along with extending deadlines, is central to achieving an expected high level of participation," said Vilsack. "We worked with universities to simplify these complex programs by providing online tools so producers could explore how program election options would affect their operation in different market conditions; these tools were presented to almost 3,000 organizations across the country. The Farm Service Agency also sent more than 5 million educational notices to producers nationwide and participated in over 4,880 educational events with more than 447,000 attendees. I am proud of the many committed USDA employees who worked hard over the last several months to provide producers support to help them make these important decisions."

The new programs, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, trigger financial protections for agricultural producers when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices or revenues. More than 1.76 million farmers have elected ARC or PLC. Previously, 1.7 million producers had enrolled to receive direct payments (the program replaced with ARC and PLC by the 2014 Farm Bill). This means more farms have elected ARC or PLC than

previously enrolled under previously administered programs.

Nationwide, 96 percent of soybean farms, 91 percent of corn farms, and 66 percent of wheat farms elected ARC. 99 percent of long grain rice farms, 99 percent of peanut farms, and 94 percent of medium grain rice farms elected PLC. For data about other crops and state-by-state program election results go to www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

Covered commodities under ARC and PLC include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered

The 2014 Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.



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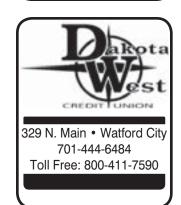
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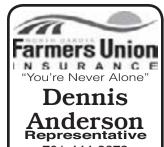








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A complete list of the WMA regulations is available on the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov.

DPHHS Urges Caution Regarding Rabies Exposures

State and local public health officials remind Montanans to be aware of the risk for exposure to rabies this time of year. Rabies is a fatal viral disease that attacks the central nervous system of warm blooded animals but it is also preventable.

The rabies virus is carried in the saliva of infected animals and is usually transmitted to people and other animals from the bite of a rabid animal. Although exposures can occur anytime, spring and summer are the seasons when most exposures occur as humans and animals emerge from the long Montana winter.

Skunks are the most common four legged animals infected with rabies in Montana, however, the majority of reported human exposures result from bats. In 2014, there were hundreds of reports of animal bites in Montana, including over 42 reported encounters between bats and people. During the same period, 11 of the 105 bats and 5 of 11 skunks submitted to the Department of Livestock's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory tested positive for rabies. Rabies is also not limited to wild animals; in 2014, two dogs and one cat also tested positive.

Last year, over 122 people in Montana were started on the rabies post-exposure treatment due to an exposure to a rabid or suspected rabid animal. Treatment costs range from \$2,000 to \$7,000 per person.

'Be smart this spring and summer and take time to learn a few basic tips that will protect you and your family," said Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) Director Richard Opper.

To avoid possible exposures, keep the following rabies prevention tips in mind:

· Do not feed or handle wild animals, especially bats. Teach children never to touch wild animals or handle bats, even dead ones. Ask children to tell an adult if they see or find a bat.

· Vaccinate dogs and cats against rabies. All dogs and cats should have a current rabies certificate.

· Bat-proof your house. Close all outside openings larger than 3/8" in the walls, roofs, and floors. Put screens on all windows, doors and chimneys to prevent bats from entering.

· Watch for abnormal wild animal behavior. Most wild animals are not seen during the daytime. If you see one and it is acting strangely, leave it alone and contact the local health department or animal control agency.

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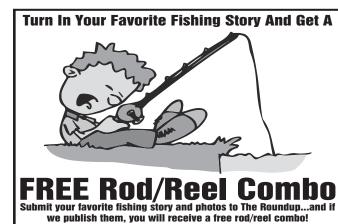
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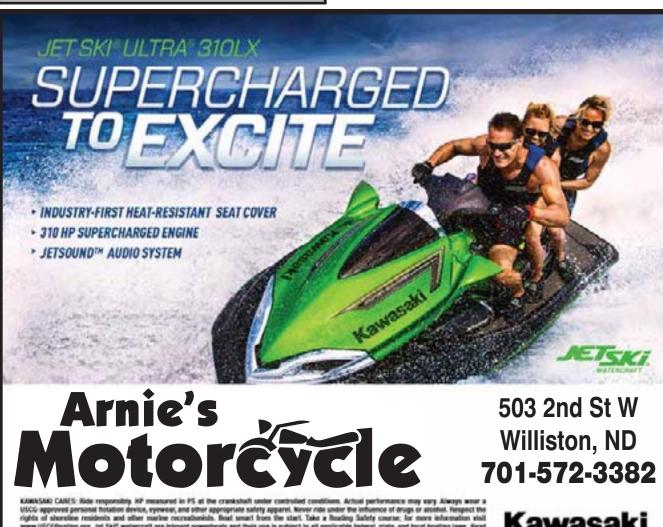
· Contact a health care provider or public health department for appropriate follow-up.

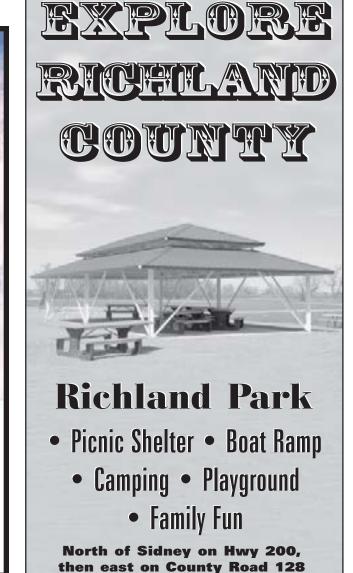
Because bat bites can be difficult to detect, it is important that any potential physical contact with a bat be brought to the attention of a health care provider or public health officials for a risk assessment. Bats found in homes, especially sleeping areas, are a concern because people can be bitten by bats and not even be aware they were bitten. "It is important to consult with health authorities if you find a bat in your home," Opper said.

"We urge people not to approach or feed wild or and stray animals and never touch a bat," said Elton Mosher of the DPH-HS Communicable Disease and Epidemiology Bureau. "Protect yourself, your pets and the community by getting your animals vaccinated and don't touch wild animals.'

Officials remind anyone who may have been exposed not to destroy the animal before speaking to contacting the local health department. It may be possible to observe some animals to rule out rabies and eliminate the need for preventive treatment. Contact the local health department or animal control for instructions on what to do. More information can be four http://dphhs.mt.gov/







Paul Williams, RN **Departs RMC**

By Jaimee Green

Paul Williams, a registered nurse, has left the Roosevelt Medical Center Clinic and moved to the San Francisco Bay area of California, where he accepted a nursing position with Tri-City Health Center.

Williams joined RMC in 2011 in an effort to learn more about working in the clinic environment and to positively impact the community. In California he will be working as a care coordinator in a specialty clinic focusing on disease prevention.

"It was a bittersweet decision to leave. I am going to greatly miss the friendliness of the community and the sense of family I have experienced at RMC," he said.

The new job is offering him career advancement that will bring him closer to his goal of working in public health and disease prevention. Williams also said he has been wanting to return to the Bay Area for some time. The move will bring him to a central location for visiting his family, most of whom reside in Orange County and the Sacramento area.



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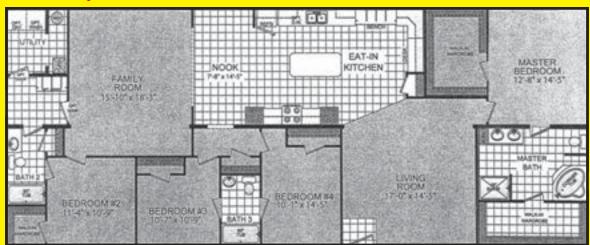


State Historical Society Of North Dakota Wins National Award For New Grade 8 Online Curriculum

BISMARCK — The State Historical Society of North Dakota was selected as a 2015 Leadership in History Award of Merit winner by the American Association for State and Local History for its multimedia project, "North Dakota: People Living on the Land," a new grade 8 North Dakota studies curriculum. The Award of Merit is presented for excellence in history programs, projects, and people.

"North Dakota is the first state in the country to offer an online eighth grade state history course based on primary sources," said Neil Howe, North Dakota Studies program coordinator. The new grade 8 online curriculum is free and available to the public at www.ndstudies.gov/gr8. The curriculum includes 90 topics on the history of North Dakota and is complemented with documents, photographs, maps, and films. It covers the place that is today North Dakota from about 500 million years ago to current events. Topics range from the formation of soil to the recent oil boom; from the quarrying of flint to Bobcat manufacturing.

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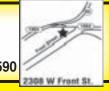
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Verizon Cellular Plus Ribbon Cutting

The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture hosted a ribbon cutting at Verizon Cellular Plus in Sidney last Thursday. The store opened in Sidney in 2010 and moved to its current location at 323 S. Central Ave. last October. Cellular Plus provides upgrades and new activations on Verizon phones with great customer service and problem solving. They also do internet connections and home phones. Pictured, L to R, are Chamber board member Karli Johnson, Wireless sales consultants Jocelyn Kittson, Kwin Redman and Kayla Flock; Chamber administrative assistant Katie Larson, Chamber board president Brandon Taylor, Chamber events coordinator Marissa Eberling, Cellular Plus store manager Cindy Gustafson and Wireless sales consultant Ashley Harris. Not pictured are Wireless sales consultants Samantha Miller and McKayla Asay.



Pesticide Points Announced for Sidney ARS Dryland Field Day

Submitted by Beth Redlin, USDA-ARS

The Sidney ARS Dryland Farm Field Day set for this coming Friday morning, June 19th, has been awarded 2 private and 2 commercial pesticide applicator points for those participating, organizers noted this week. The event is co-sponsored by the USDA Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory in Sidney and the Richland County Extension Service.

The Sidney ARS Field Day is set for Friday, June 19th from 9 am -12:30 pm, at the dryland research farm located about 4 miles north of Sidney on the Culbertson Highway. Take a left at County Road 129 and a second left on County Road 346 to get to the farmsite. A free lunch will be served courtesy of Richland County Extension. Rainplace is the Richland Co. Extension Office Conference Room at 1501 N. Central Ave. in Sidney.

A highlight of the morning is a special hour-long "Drones 101" workshop designed to acquaint tour goers with the basics of the machines. Other talks to be presented include information on E3 Farm Energy Audits, Biological control of Canada thistle, Drought influences on wheat stem sawfly outbreaks and control by its natural enemies, Attacking wheat stem sawfly inside the stem, Seeding depth and starter fertilizer for cover crop mixes, new large square baling software calculating RFV for alfalfa on the go, nitrogen rate impacts on greenhouse gas emission under a wheat pea rotation, and a special demonstration of a NRCS Rainfall Simulator.

For more information, contact Beth Redlin at 406-433-9427 or by email at beth. redlin@ars.usda.gov.

Summer Art Camps At The MDHC Throughout July

Creativity for kids of all ages! There will be four sessions this summer including: Session 1 – Teen Visionaries (ages 15-18), July 7-10th, 12 pm - 4pm · Session 2 - Prolific Preteens (ages 10 - 14), July 13-16th, 9 am - 12 pm • Session 3 - Clever Children (ages 6-9), July 20-23rd, 9 am – 12 pm • Session 4 – Unique Infants (ages 1-5), July 27-30th, 9 am- 10:30 am. A parent or guardian must accompany all children under the age of 6. Price is only \$35 per week, so call us at (406) 433-3500 to reserve your children's' spots today!

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Director Of U.S. Agriculture Department's National Institute Of Food And Agriculture To Visit MSU In July

Submitted by MSU News

BOZEMAN - Sonny Ramaswamy, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), will visit Montana State University in July. Ramaswamy's visit includes a question and answer session that is free and open to the general public.

Ramaswamy's visit is hosted by the MSU Office of Research and Economic Development and the MSU College of Agriculture. It will include meetings with MSU faculty, who will share current research on pest management, soil, weeds, crops and livestock. Ramaswamy will also tour several MSU laboratories and meet with MSU students and research administrators. An hour-long question and answer session that is free and open to the general public, as well as to MSU students, faculty and staff, will be held Wednesday, July 29, at 1:15 p.m. in room 138 of the Animal Bioscience Building.

On Thursday, July 30, Ramaswamy will also visit Little Big Horn College in Crow Agency, where he will speak with faculty and administrators. Like MSU, Little Big Horn College is a land-grant institution, and the two institutions partner with NIFA on issues related to food, agriculture, natural resources and human sciences.

"We are pleased to welcome Dr. Ramaswamy to our campus this summer and share our agriculture research and growing research profile with our tribal land-grant colleagues," said Charles Boyer, MSU vice president of agriculture. "As an agriculture college, we are committed to addressing challenges associated with feeding the world in the 21st century; support from USDA and NIFA is a critical component in being able to deliver cutting-edge agricultural research."

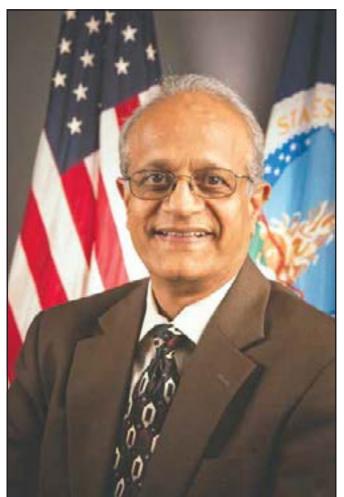
During his visit, Ramaswamy will take a tour of the Missouri River headwaters and learn about water resources and availability, as well as the impacts of tourism. He will also learn about MSU research in targeted grazing and reducing tillage, integrated pest management, sustainable foods, antibiotic resistant pathogens and zoonotic diseases.

"Our nation's success in addressing the 21st century challenge of ensuring food security is linked directly to the research, ation and Extension work of our partner institutions, and the time I spend on the ground learning about their accomplishments is invaluable," Ramaswamy said. "Montana State University is a critical partner to NIFA in addressing global food security challenges, and I am eager to see the work (the university is) doing to find solutions to climate change, drought and food production."

Ramaswamy's visit follows a meeting by the world's top experts in food production and security held in Bozeman earlier this spring, when MSU hosted the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD), of which MSU President Waded Cruzado is a board member. BIFAD members spoke with MSU faculty and students on topics such as global food security and hunger, poverty, enhanced nutrition, natural resources and agriculture research.

At NIFA, Ramaswamy oversees funds for a wide range of research, education and extension projects that address needs of American farmers, ranchers and agricultural producers. He has published





Sonny Ramaswamy, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), will visit Montana State University in July. Photo courtesy of Sonny Ramaswamy

more than 150 journal articles, book chapters, and a book and has received myriad awards as a scientist and department head. Those awards include being named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a fellow of the Entomological Society of America, and a distinguished graduate alumnus of Cook College, Rutgers University.

In 2012, President Barack Obama appointed Ramaswamy to serve as the director of NIFA. Prior to joining NIFA, Ramaswamy served as dean of Oregon State University's College of Agricultural Sciences and director of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station. He previously was associate dean of the Purdue University College of Agriculture, where he directed the university's agricultural research programs from 2006 to 2009. Prior to joining the Purdue faculty, he was head of Kansas State University's Department of Entomology and served as faculty with Mississippi State University and as a research associate at Michigan State University.

For more information on Ramaswamy's visit, contact the MSU Office of Research and Economic Development at 994-

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County Agent Update

By Danielle Steinhoff, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent Williams County

Fair Season

Every summer North Dakota counties have a county fairs. One thing that you see at the majority of fairs is kids with their projects or livestock. An interest in Agriculture can start at a young age for some, whether they grow up on a farm or ranch or learn about it in a class. June 24th-28th is the Williams County fair, this is the time for the kids to shine. At the Williams County fair we have static exhibits, which will include sewing, baking, welding, horticulture, crop production and many more. Starting as young as 5, 4-H members are able to learn life long, the fair is the time to show off their projects that they have worked on all year round.

The other part of the fair is the livestock, members that are showing livestock can range from 5 to 19 years old. Through months of work, sweat, blood and maybe even tears comes the time for them to shine. At the Upper Missouri Valley Fair we have cattle, sheep, goats, swine and rabbits. With the halt on bird movements because of the bird flu, we canceled the poultry show this year. Those that show cattle sometimes pick out their animals once they are born, the rest of the animals are not long there afterwards. Part of the 4-H experience is learning responsibility, the 4-H members are in charge of feeding, watering and general maintenance of these animals for months. Over those months, the members have to halter break steers, shave sheep and swine, and learn showmanship techniques and skills. I mentioned the responsibility factor previously, but leadership, strength, problem solving, and independence are also skills members will learn.

Watching youth be passionate about something like livestock, or one of the many static projects is a wondering site. Having visitors to the shows and the barn stalls is something that the 4-H program looks forward to. So come on out to the fair, be ready to watch some of Williams County youth show off their hard work.

Project Safe Send

Coming up the last two weeks of July will be Project Safe Send. This program is for pesticide disposal for farmers, ranchers, pesticide dealers and applicators, government agencies, homeowners and the general public. This program accepts any pesticides; herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides and fungicides, that are old, unusable or banned in the state. This program is free, the funds are fees paid by pesticides manufacturers to register their product in North Dakota.

If the containers the pesticides are in are deteriorating or leaking, pack them in a larger container and add absorbent materials, such as cat litter. There is no need to preregister unless you are bringing more than 1,000 pounds, if you are please register 5 days in advances at 800-242-7535 or 701-329-2231. Please note: fertilizers, surfactants, adjuvants, pesticide rinsate, empty containers or containers of paints or oil are not accepted

2015 Collection dates and sites that are close to Williams County are listed below, all of them at 9a.m.- 3p.m. local time

Thursday, July 16: Center- 3738 Hwy 25 Friday, July 17: Flasher- 6590 Co. Road 84 Monday, July 20: New England- 11704 61 St SW Tuesday, July 21: Parshall- 7198 38th St NW Wednesday, July 22: Kenmare- 49501 422 Ave NW

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Stetsons & Stilettos Raises Over \$20,000 For Youth Agriculture

by Northern International Livestock **Exposistion**

Billings, MT--The NILE Foundation hosts Stetsons and Stilettos to raise money for Ag youth programs, the main focus being college scholarships. This year brought in over \$20,000 to be allocated for supporting youth involved in agri-

Last Friday night the Northern Hotel ballroom was packed with 400 guests for the eighth annual event.

Donors who attended the dinner where able to see that their money was well spent, right in front of their eyes. Eight of the twenty scholarship recipients spoke eloquently in front of the crowd. Each one announced which school they are attending and what they planned on majoring in.

Special guest, Flint Rasmussen spoke about the be-

ginning of his career as a rodeo clown emphasizing the importance of putting the time in to get to the top. "Success doesn't happen immediately, you don't get to perform in huge venues until you've performed in the rain, in a tiny, muddy arena first," Rasmus-

sen said. He also asserted the importance of raising kids in the country. "They have to overcome adversity at an early age and it makes them better people," Rasmussen commented after he praised his daughters for their accomplishments. His youngest daughter, Paige, was competing in the Montana Junior High Rodeo Association Finals that weekend which is part of the reason why Stetsons and Stilettos was able to have him as a guest speaker.

Co-emcee Russell Nemetez contended Rasmussen in a lip sync battle that engaged the crowd in wows and whis-

To kick off the live auction Rasmussen signed a leather, PBR jacket--it sold for \$1,100.

Another popular auction item was a bronze sculpted and donated by rodeo judge, Bob Burkhart from Bozeman,

Business.

Because this evening was focused on scholarships Stetsons and Stilettos added an element to the live auction to encourage the continued involved in the agriculture industry by having a scholarship recipient be a guest auctioneer. Roger Jacobs has been the auctioneer for Stetsons and Stilettos since the beginning, Friday night he gave up the block for three items to let scholarship recipient, Seth Kraft try out his auctioneer chant. Kraft is a 2014 recipient and attends MSU for Ag

The silent auction boasted over 50 items that had some people guarding the bid sheets until the final call. Other activities that night were a whiskey tasting, jewelry raffle, watching artists transform a blank canvas to a completed piece by the end of the auction and socializing with other ag industry supporters.

The NILE Foundation would like to thank everyone involved and especially those who gave donations. Questions, please contact the NILE Office (406) 256-2495

PA's New Water Rule Is Even **Worse than Farmers Feared**

By Bob Stallman

President American Farm Bureau Federation

The Environmental Protection Agency finally released its new "clean water" rule and actually managed to make it worse than we expected. Despite an unprecedented marketing campaign by EPA, the proposed rule was fiercely opposed by the

vast majority of state and local governments, businesses and groups representing almost every part of the American economy-including farmers and ranchers. We called on EPA to ditch the rule, go back to the drawing board and craft a rule that won't cripple farming and ranching.

Perhaps it's no surprise that EPA failed to listen. This rule was never really about protecting water sources: It's about giving EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the

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power to regulate any activity on the land that they choose to regulate. And that's what the rule does.

What is a "water of the U.S."? Only the agencies can say, and their word is final. Under the new rule, just about any patch of land might be found to be "waters of the U.S." You don't have to see water flowing there, or even spot signs of flow. The rule gives EPA and the Corps the trump card: the power to use remote "desktop tools" to identify and regulate a so-called "tributary" on your land—or even just places where a "tributary" used to be—whether or not you can see anything that looks like a water feature. What's more, the rule automatically regulates other waters within certain distances of any such invisible or historical "tributary." So much for clarity.

The rule does provide several exclusions from regulation. But most of the exclusions, including the one for farm ponds, apply only to features "created in dry land." Was your farm pond "created in dry land"? Who knows! EPA's hundreds of pages of regulatory "clarity" don't help you distinguish between "waters' and "dry land." Only the agencies can say for sure.

Identifying bodies of water, and especially bodies of water regulated by the federal government, shouldn't be rocket science. But EPA has made it impossible for farmers and ranchers to look at their own land and know what falls under federal jurisdiction and what doesn't. But if the government does later find that your land is "waters of the U.S.," you will already be in violation of the law for farming there, even though you had no reason to know your land was regulated. This puts landowners at risk of steep fines in "gotcha" enforcement just for using their lands. It sounds crazy, but it's true.

It's time for Congress to step in and check EPA's blatant overreach. Farmers and ranchers know the importance of protecting water resources. Federal rules should let them continue taking care of the land while producing our food, fiber and renewable energy.

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